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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE H. STURLA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wyckoff, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photograph-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to photograph holders, and its main object is to provide a simple and effective holder for photograph and other cards which shall be inexpensive and capable of holding such cards together at any desired relative angle without requiring that the cards be perforated, creased or bent.

By the use of a plurality of holders of the type shown and described herein, a series or collection of cards containing photographs or other pictures may be joined together to form a connected series, which may be displayed by placing such connected series on the top of a table or other support; or the connected cards may be folded upon one another, face to face, taking up but little room, with the faces not touching, in which position they may be moved about without danger of scratching or rubbing their surfaces, and may be stored in practically the same amount of space as the same number of unconnected cards. The present device will also permit the insertion or removal of any particular card desired, whether such card be of the same or different size or thickness from others in the series. My improved holder also permits the joining together of a series of cards which may be suspended, either on a side wall or from any other desired location in a room.

In the drawings accompanying this specification and forming part of the present application, Figure 1 is a view showing in elevation the preferred form of holding device or clasp. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a series of cards held together by a device of the type shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 4 is an elevation showing a modification of the invention for holding two cards together with their surfaces in the same plane. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section of the same. Fig. 6 is a view showing a series of cards held together with their surfaces in the same plane by holding devices or clips of the type shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

Similar characters designate like parts in all the figures of the drawing.

Referring first to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, 2 represents a leaf or arm of a two-leaf clip, said clip being formed from a strip of sheet material punched in such a manner as to form, when folded over, an eye having cut-away portions into which the projecting portions of the eye of a complementary clip are adapted to fit. A pin 4 is then passed through the eyes of the two complementary clips thus assembled, said pin being afterward headed or struck up at its ends, thus forming a hinged duplex clip. Each of the complementary members of said duplex clip is preferably made from spring metal, with a corrugation or rib 5 in the metal of each leaf or arm of the individual clips near the eye or loop 3 of said clip. Preferably the two leaves of each individual clip are so formed as to be out of contact except at a point 6 near the outer end of said clip, remote from the weakening corrugation or rib, toward which point the leaves or arms converge.

A duplex clasp formed of a pair of individual clips constructed as described and joined together by the pintle or pin 4 forms a convenient and simple means for holding two cards together in any desired angular position on any support, and if the metal of the individual clips be fitted loosely around the pin, as will usually be the case, said members and their engaged cards will move freely on the pin as an axis.

In Figs. 4, 5 and 6 I have shown a modification of the invention adapted for holding cards together with the surfaces in the same plane. In these views the complementary engaging clasps are so constructed as to have no relative movement, they being formed of sheet metal leaves, as in the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, but instead of each individual clip being formed by turning the metal over upon itself to form an eye, as in said figures, each individual clip is formed by fastening two pieces of sheet metal together with the surfaces thereof in the same general plane, as by rivets, such as 8, after the weakening corrugations or ribs 9 have been formed in the leaves or arms 7 of said sheets of metal. The line of engagement 10 of the card is, as in the form previously described, at the end of the clip remote from

the corrugations 9. This form of clasp will usually be employed for suspending a succession of cards containing photographs or other pictures from a height, either from a hook or other device on a wall or from an upright on a chiffonier, dressing-table or other piece of furniture, or from any other elevated point in a room.

My improved holder or clasp may be made of any sheet material having the qualities necessary for engaging a card inserted between the leaves of the clips, this material for ordinary purposes being cheap sheet metal finished with nickel, though gold or silver may be used for plating the articles when a more ornamental holder is desired, and the surface may have designs cut or stamped therein.

A card-holder formed in the manner hereinbefore described provides a means for holding cards in series in various ways without bruising or rubbing the surfaces thereof, and without the necessity for puncturing the cards to attach cords or ribbons thereto, all of these methods resulting in mutilation of the cards. Being easily attached to and detached from the cards, the rearrangement of pictures in different groups and positions may be easily effected.

It is necessary to make these clips from fairly stiff metal in order that the parts of

the clip may retain their shape. The extra stiffness is reduced by the transverse weakening corrugations 5 and 9, which provide for the elasticity necessary to permit easy opening of the clip jaws.

What I claim is:

A card-holder comprising a pair of interchangeable stiff sheet-metal parts forming a pair of individual spring clips, each arm of each clip having near one end a gripping surface and having near the other end a narrow, deep, transverse groove extending from edge to edge of the arm and forming an outwardly projecting transverse weakening rib and also having between and connecting said gripping surface and said rib a long straight stiff connecting member extending from said rib to the gripping surface, the arms of each clip being so disposed that said straight connecting members converge gradually from the weakening ribs to the gripping surfaces of the clip; and a connecting member for the two clips.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1907.

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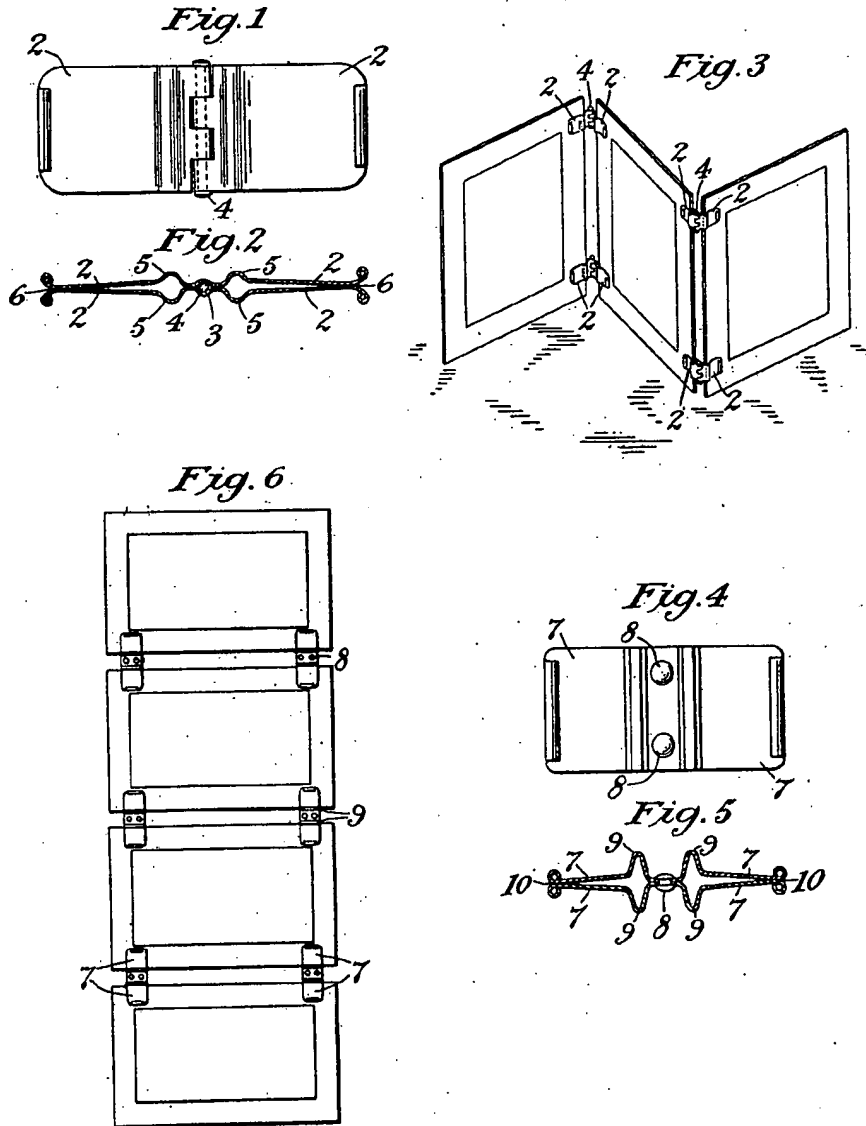
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